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Rebuilding and growing Bethel's water supply after the Flood of 2007

By MICHAEL DANIELS
"We don't have West Bethel water anymore," Town Clerk Christen Mason told Bethel selectmen at a meeting in mid-November.
"We have Bethel water. I can actually drink it. I drank some at supper tonight – first time I've drank my water in eight or nine years."
The pipe carrying Bethel water into Bethel was turned on Nov. 9, and the lines from the existing West Bethel wells

(and their mineral-ridden, often discolored water) turned off.
Water into West Bethel village was now coming from the Bethel Water District's North Road pumping station, located almost directly across the river from West Bethel village.
While a signal event for Mason and her neighbors, the new line was only the latest in a series of upgrades and improvements undertaken by

'We had the watershed gone. We had a lot of obstacles in our way.'

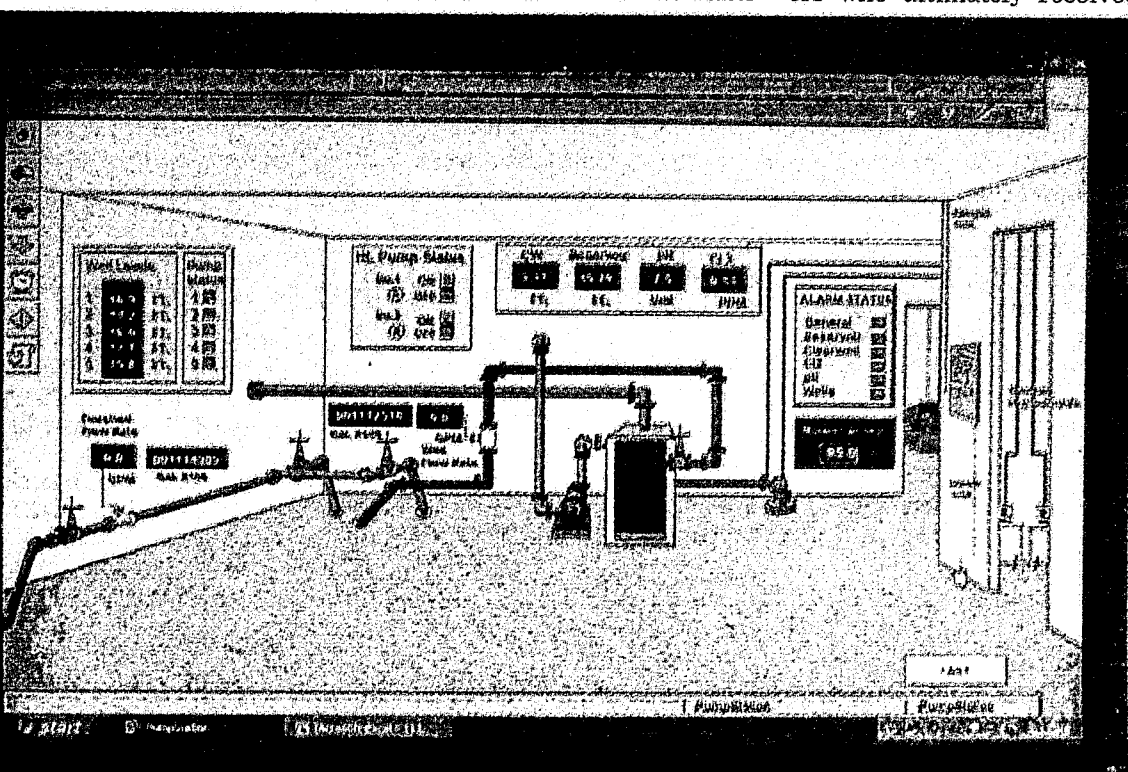
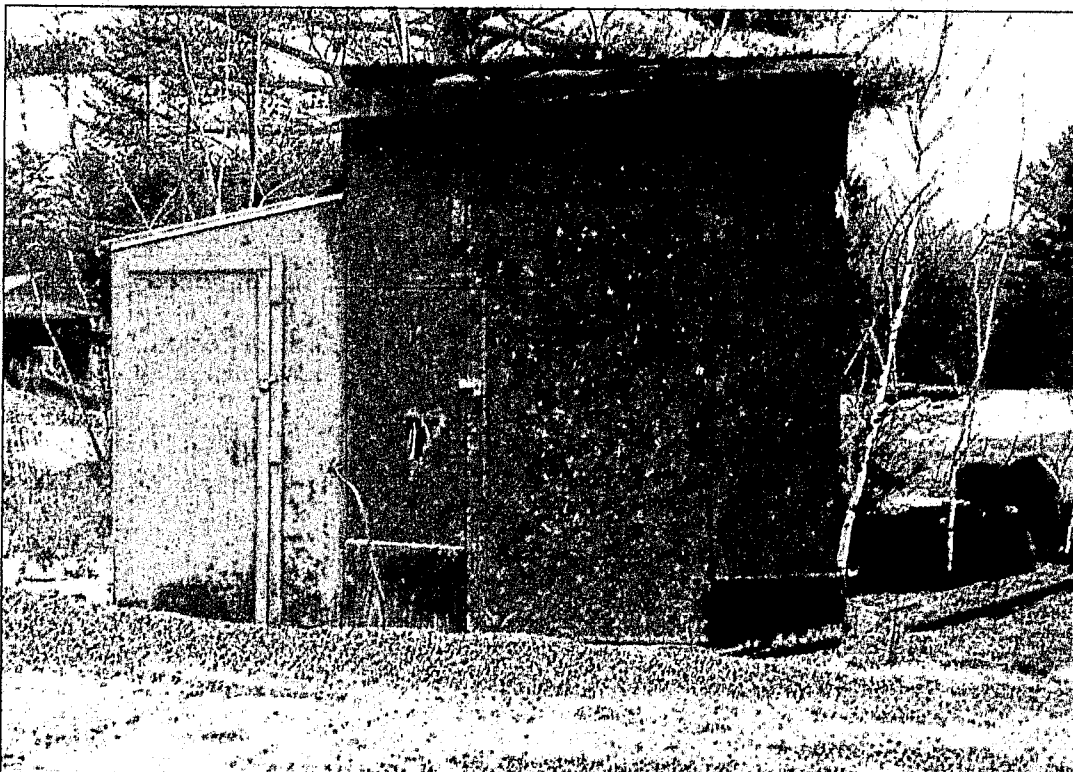
LUCIEN ROBERGE
Superintendent, Bethel Water District

BWD following a freak storm in July 2007 that wiped out the Chapman Brook reservoir, long Bethel's primary source of drinking water.
Soon after the West Bethel line was opened, other im-

provements were underway across the river, in the area of the pumping station itself, where nearly a dozen homeowners had their fuel tanks replaced with new, double-walled tanks – at no cost to

themselves or to the district and its customers.
The new tanks, installed, cost approximately \$3,000 each, and the money came from the Maine DEP's Ground Water Oil Clean Up Fund.
BWD Superintendent Lucien Roberge made the initial contact.
"We were aware DEP had a tank-replacement program," Roberge said, "and we had a new water source – ground water – that the district wants

to protect."
That ground water source is the aquifer under five new wells in the general area of the pumping station, wells that were drilled following the 2007 flood.
"After losing the watershed and knowing how easily things like that could happen, we certainly want to protect this new source," Roberge said.
Some of the area homeowners who ultimately received



OLD AND NEW—Left, a plywood storage shed in the Douglass Gravel Pit that was insulated and rigged out to serve as a temporary chlorination station following the Flood of 2007. Right, live read-outs on the screen of the BWD's new SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) monitor at the North Road Pumping Station.

Assault and threats lead to four-hour manhunt, two arrests

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Wire
A man armed with a pellet gun, who police say assaulted a family member and threatened others Tuesday, was arrested four hours later when residents called police to say he and his girlfriend were knocking on their door.
Joseph Cox, 26, of 178 Perkins Valley Road, was arrested shortly before 4 p.m. at a house beside Route 26, ending a manhunt that involved about 50 county and state police officers, said Capt. Hart Daley of the Oxford County Sheriff's Office.
Also arrested was Cox's girlfriend, Shannon Young, 23, of Bangor, Daley said.
The two were taken to the Oxford County Jail where Cox was booked for domestic violence assault, domestic violence terrorizing and violation of bail, officials said. He was carrying a pellet gun when arrested, Daley said.
Young was wanted on a Bangor warrant for failure to pay fines.
Daley said the incident began at about 11:30 a.m. when

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GREENS SALE
West Bethel Union Church
December 3rd, 9:30-11:30
Crafts, Cookie Walk and Food

Resort managers push to speed up timeshare foreclosure process

By ALISON ALOISIO

For between \$3,000 and \$16,000, vacation-minded people can purchase a one-week-a-year timeshare at the River View or Bethel Inn resorts.
They are then responsible for annual maintenance fees of \$300 to \$500.
But when a timeshare owner falls on hard times and can't pay those fees, the costs fall to the remaining owners in the association, who must also then share in a foreclosure process as lengthy and costly as that for a \$500,000 vacation home, according to Chad McGrew, general manager of the River View.
McGrew and Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel) have been pushing for a cheaper, more streamlined process, but so far they have run into a legislative wall.

Background

Until recent years the resorts could simply

take possession of delinquent timeshares and give the owners a year to bring the fees current, or ownership reverted to the resort, McGrew said. For a minimal cost, the timeshare could then be offered to the owner base, which for the River View and the Bethel Inn total 900 and 1,200, respectively.

The foreclosure cost for a \$3,000 timeshare is the same as for a \$500,000 home, according to Chad McGrew, general manager of River View Resort.

But several years ago the Maine Legislature passed a law requiring a timeshare unit to go through the same full foreclosure process as a home.
The cost to do that, according to McGrew and Bethel Inn General Manager Allen Connors, is about \$1,000.
The remaining owners must shoulder the cost.
"They get hurt by a few delinquent owners who just walk away," McGrew said.
The River View currently has about 25 such

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East Bethel trapper is one of a declining breed

By DARYN SLOVER, Sun Media Wire
Neil Olson thinks about the Two Maines.

When Olson traps a beaver in Northern Maine, the locals give him a thumbs up. When he traps one in Southern Maine, they give him the middle finger.
Olson, a 63-year-old native of Bethel, admits his story is not true, but that the theory behind the statement is nothing but the truth.
"There is a whole different outlook up north," he said. "Northern Maine appreciates you trapping their beaver. In Southern Maine, they wonder why you're doing it."
Olson traps because it's

something he "loves to do. I enjoy spending time outdoors and interacting with nature. Besides, when trapping, you have a lot of time to day dream," said Olson, the author of two books on the subject.
Olson started trapping as a kid with his father, something Olson is seeing less and less of. "Kids have so many more choices to choose from now. So many more opportunities," said Olson, the third-base coach for his grandson's baseball team, the Southern Maine Black Flies. "Kids are getting so far removed from nature," worries Olson.

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NEIL OLSON, with, from left, pelts of coyote, beaver and a rare black coyote.

Newry looking local for energy-efficient upgrades

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry will seek out local talent to determine how best to spend its energy dollars on town buildings, selectmen decided at last week's board meeting.
They had been approached by an energy-audit contractor to study the buildings' needs and draw up a detailed proposal for energy-saving upgrades. Such a plan would cost the town \$3,200.
Another proposal, from Mike Wilson of the Northern Forest Center, would have included installing a wood pellet furnace to serve both the town office and adjacent fire station. It was estimated that the changeover would save Newry \$60,000 over 30 years.
Selectmen were skeptical of the payoff and wondered if they might look elsewhere for suggestions.
"There are a lot of smart peo-

ple in town," said Selectman Wendy Hanscom.

As a first step, the board decided to consult a local heating company for advice on whether to upgrade the existing furnace in the town office.

Repaving

In an update on roadwork that had caused selectmen concern, Town Administrator Loretta Powers reported that sections of the Skiway Access Road had been repaved by Pine Tree Paving.
Earlier last month the board expressed displeasure with the paving job the company had done, saying that joints between the new and original pavement were uneven. The paving was done after D.A. Wilson had repaired sections of the road.
"It's much better," said Chairman Jim Largess. "He came back and did what he said he was going to do."

Largess said that in the future, the board might do better to consider rebuilding roads sooner, rather than continue patching for years.
"If we want to keep our good roads good, we may want to

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Christmas Fair & Tea
Dec. 3 1-4 pm
Traditional Christmas Tea
Christmas Crafts, Cookies, Gifts,
Fair Trade Products,
Tiny Treasures,
Baked Goods
West Parish Congregational Church, UCC
Church Street
Bethel

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Letters

CPS HOLIDAY BAZAAR

To the Editor:

The Crescent Park School fifth graders are hosting a Holiday Bazaar in collaboration with Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at CPS.

This should be an exciting event, as we have many activities planned!

Come and purchase a holiday craft or ornament made by CPS students in every grade. There will also be a gently-used toy sale with free gift-wrapping for all purchases. Enter our basket raffle and be eligible to win a guitar, hand-knitted sweater, blanket, hand-painted wine glasses, pottery, gift certificates and more!

You may choose to keep them or give as gifts. Why not enter the gingerbread house decorating contest? Come to CPS with your decorated entry. (Store-bought kits are acceptable to decorate.)

The most popular house will receive an amazing prize. So start decorating or come cast your vote for your favorite.

All proceeds from the Holiday Bazaar will go toward the fifth grade Boston field trip. Breakfast with Santa will continue to be a free community event with a visit from Santa, caroling, pictures with Santa (nominal fee), doughnuts and juice and a make-and-take holiday craft.

So be sure to schedule in a stop at CPS this weekend for some holiday fun.

Michele Richardson
For CPS fifth graders

HOLIDAY CONCERT SUNDAY

To the Editor:

The Mahosuc Community Band is excited about our upcoming concert Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

The concert is filled with traditional favorites and newer melodies.

We are thankful this year to Jenifer Cooper, choral teacher at Gould Academy, who is our guest conductor/director this fall season. We have some new songs this Christmas season: "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "Amazing Grace," "A Copeland Tribute."

We will also play familiar favorites.

All are welcome to come and start celebrating the holiday season. The band really appreciates the support of the greater Bethel community. Through the years it has been a pleasure to play music for the communities.

The community band practices Monday nights at the Congregational Church basement. After the Holiday Concert, the group takes a break and restarts rehearsals Jan. 2. New members are always welcome.

The opportunity to continue to enjoy music lasts through the years. Many of our members played in high school and stopped. Yes, it took time to regain the notes. Yet this group is really encouraging, and enjoying music together.

For more information contact band president Kathleen DeVore, (875-2364) or katdev@aol.com.

Jane Chandler
Woodstock

FOOD PANTRY THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Food Pantry wishes to thank Eric Stephenson, the Masters-Siekman, the Alfords, the Weafers, Erin Pierce-Parker, Rebecca Andreozzi, Crescent Park Elementary School, Gould Academy's Reachout program, and The Bethel Foodliner for making it possible to give out nearly 50 turkey baskets to needy Bethel area families.

Plans are underway to give out Christmas baskets as well. For help or to make donations please contact Dave Bean at 824-0369.

Dave Bean
The Bethel Food Pantry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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INVITATION TO FIRST ANNUAL VOLUNTEER SOCIAL

To the Editor:

It is very exciting to a self-proclaimed "community activist" like me to see the new wave of volunteerism that is washing over the Bethel area!

Last summer the members of Boy Scout Troop 565 and some very able adults took it upon themselves with the leadership of Scout Justin Stearns to do a major cleanup at the Greenwood picnic area, not because anyone said they should, but only because Justin asked them to help.

At Gould Academy the community and world service group known as Reach Out has new energy under the mentorship of Rebecca Andreozzi and Erin Parker in the Admissions Office and has been helping with projects ranging from sorting and moving clothing for the new home of the Bethel Exchange to helping flood victims in Vermont and working with Darfur refugees in Portland.

Telstar Middle School Art Teacher Melissa Prescott, Americorps Volunteer Phil Cantinense, Dean of Students Charlie Raymond, and MKA leader Julie Hart have inspired the middle school and the high school students with the GOTT Farms project, the new Rebel Reach service club, and renewed enthusiasm for fun ways to satisfy the graduation requirement of 60 hours of community service to the point that Freshman Michael Cintron has already amassed 85 community service hour, and he has three and a half more years before graduation!

Adults, too, are caught up in the wave, reaching out as mentors to students and volunteers to churches and other nonprofit organizations as eyes, ears, arms, and backs needed to fulfill a wide variety of missions for the benefit of residents in our communities and communities around the world.

Anyone thinking of getting involved as a means of giving assistance to others while receiving the joy that comes with working with others on a worthy project is invited to join the 17 area nonprofit members of the Bethel Area Non-profit Collaborative (BANC) Thursday evening, Dec. 1, at the Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House meeting room from 5 to 7 p.m.

There will be food and drink to share and an opportunity to learn about the groups and their missions.

Please join us for this, our first annual Volunteer Social. Think of it as a "Business after Hours" function for nonprofits, where you can meet members of all the groups represented and decide whether you might enjoy working with them.

As students from Telstar's Rebel Reach said at last week's Rotary meeting, "Kids say that community service is boring, but once you try it you find that it is loads of fun!"

Hope to see you there.

Steve Wight
BANC Co-President, Newry

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT NORTHERN FOREST PARK

To the Editor:

Northern Forest Heritage Park and Theatre North, 961 Main Street, Berlin, N.H., will present A Christmas Treasury Reader's Theatre and Dinner on Dec. 10. Savor a holiday dinner with all the holiday fare.

Dinner will be served in the Logging Camp Cookhouse and the theatre performance in the Logging Camp bunkhouse. There will be two seatings, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person. Door prizes awarded to four lucky winners.

Tickets available at Heritage Park office in Brown Company House, 1961 Main Street. Please bring a non-perishable food item that will be given to a local food pantry.

The Park will also be open to the public with free admission.

The Logging Camp village will be cheerfully decorated in joyful and jolly fashion inviting all to enjoy the spirit of the holiday season!

Visit Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in the Boss' Shack and photos of your children or grandchildren with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available.

The Filer's Shack will be decorated in traditional Norwegian holiday fashion and the Hovel and Blacksmith Shop will be transformed into amazing and cheery holiday villages.

Hot chocolate and Partridge in a Pear Tree cookies will be served for a \$1 donation. Free Hayrides will be available too.

This is the first Annual Heritage Holidays celebration at the park. Please stop by and help us grow Heritage Holidays into a community-wide holiday season event.

Dick Huot
Director, Northern Forest Heritage Park

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 47

The First Years: Matilda Comes, Living off the Land

On the first of December it was ten above zero, our coldest day to date.

The storage area registered twenty degrees above, but nothing had been frozen. It would be if left there though, so B.B. obligingly tugged up the barn stairs, across the barn, up the shed stairs, across the house attic and into the bedroom over the kitchen a bushel of Baldwins, four bushels of Macs. Wandering through the pinewoods in the fall, we had discovered four old gnarled apple trees, slowly dying from the shade. It had once been an old orchard.

A tree of Greenings still bore and we had gathered a bushel of fruit, liking its tart wild flavor. These were not keeping well, it would not be sensible to store them longer. I cut out all the good sections, and canned applesauce, using a strainer to get all the taste from the peels and seeds. Kristie had a fine feast from the blow ends and discarded parts.

A few days later it was zero out of doors. Down in the storage space it was still twenty, but some of the apples on the tops of the baskets were "touched" with frost.

More treats for Kristie. It was clear that this was not a suitable place. B.B. suggested that we simply give the apples away and save all the moving. I compromised. Some I must keep. The sweet apples, only good for baking but superb for that, would keep until May, I had been told. The big red Gravensteins I wanted for Christmas gift boxes. Northern Spies were the best of all for winter cooking. The rest could go.

Baldwins were good keepers but had no special flavor. B.B. happily loaded the baskets to be given away and resignedly toted the others up to the bedroom. This was the end of the living off the land experiment for this year.

Next year I could take advantage of this year's mistakes. I would plant more root crops that could be kept in boxes of sand in the cellar.

Late December on a cold blustery morning I was happily reading garden bulletins. B.B. was restless.

He had easily provided our bread-and-butter money by odd jobs. He had helped a man build a new chimney, helped a carpenter design and remodel a kitchen in an old house, he had shod a few horses. He had no particular plans for right now. He had set up a box stove and his shop in the pump-house was comfortable, but with darkness coming down at four o'clock, activity there was curtailed.

He did not have the great need to get order out of chaos that he had had last winter. He made some extra coffee, sat down and said, "I suppose you're all set to go on refinishing furniture and nest-feathering all winter."

"Not at all," said I. "Why?"

"I was thinking," said he, "that the station wagon is ten years old, it won't last much longer. For this life a pickup truck will be much better." I could agree with this wholeheartedly. My spirit of wanderlust had not been abandoned, only quiescent.

A truck would not be very handy to traipse around the country. We did not need to stay here. A change would be good, a chance to look at from a distance our new way of life. But we had no money for traveling.

We could go somewhere and get a job for a few months. Where? B.B. had never been in a hotel except through the front door; he had never been in Florida. We could go there, work at a resort for the busy season.

To shut up this house would not be difficult but what about our two animals?

Matilda we enjoyed but she had not endeared herself to us. Kristie we loved. We would think about it. B.B. went off to town. Automatically I went to the cupboard to check what perishables were on hand that would need to be eaten at once.

Four days later we went down the hill in mid-afternoon, watched the field and the house with no smoke rising from the chimney disappear from sight.

We spent the night with Miss Fan. B.B. came up the hill again in the morning to be sure all was in order and we were off.

The apples that we did not have time to give away we had put down cellar in two barrels, another experiment in storage.

Matilda had been traded for a double harness, with a man who kept sheep. She had gone off as defiantly as ever. B.B. had come back laughing. She had been unloaded, immediately started chasing the sheep in her new family. The man had kept his word and given up the harness. The mystery of her unlamblike temperament was explained. Her beauty had been her and our undoing. Her pointed ears that always stood up straight were the sign of an always wild strain that cropped out occasionally and could not be gentled.

I had decided that I would never buy any more animals but leave it to a more knowledgeable person.

Kristie had gone for the winter to Walter Clark's, a new friend of ours who, only because he had children, did not live in quite such a hand-to-mouth fashion as we did.

He was an artist, painted pictures that sold; he played the violin, discussed musical equipment in terms unknown to us; but he had practical skills also.

He had always wanted a draft horse to get out some wood with. He had spent two long evenings with us getting instructions about feed and care. We knew that both he and Kristie would be safe.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: About 260 attended the annual Rotary Country Breakfast in Gould Academy's Ordway Hall.

The first annual Chocolate Festival sponsored by the Telstar Regional High School Class of 2001 was held at The Victoria.

The Local Wares Fair was a great success for local artisans and crafters.

Births: Taria Virginia Huston, Emily Page Hatch.

Deaths: Armand A. Violette, James W. Yarnell, Edna E. Clark, Doris R. Slattery, Margaret J. Wheeler, J. Alfred Johnson.

20 years ago: An estimated 300 people turned out for the first annual EXPLORATIONS Student Art Exhibition held at the Lions' Hall in Bethel.

Bethel's Casco Northern Bank branch was one of 12 being purchased by Key Bank of Maine.

30 years ago: The Telstar Drama Group was preparing for their presentation of "Harvey" on Dec. 11-12.

Gould Academy was preparing to host the second annual Christmas Racing Camp from Dec. 19 to 23, open to all racers ages 14 to 18.

Deaths: Mrs. Flora A. Cole, Milan I. Gammon, Sr., Mrs. Elise M. Littlehale.

40 years ago: Fire destroyed the former Harold Bartlett house in Middle Intervale owned by Orin W. Sprague, Jr.

Mrs. Ranald Stevens was the coordinator of Bethel's Eighth Annual Living Nativity Pageant.

Peter Anderson, an American certified Ski Instructor, was named director of skiing for the Sunday River Ski Area Ski School.

Deaths: Stephen J. Cummings, George A. Holt.

50 years ago: The Five Town Teachers Club held their Christmas meeting at the Red Rooster Dining Room.

The sno-cat had arrived at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes and was being used to drag the roller to pack the slopes.

Births: Angela Hope Gilman, Lea Ann MacDougall.

Death: Kenneth Vail.

60 years ago: The Bethel Masonic Lodge bought the Christian Science Church on Chapman Street and was preparing to make alterations for use as lodge rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball received the congratulations of about 150 of their relatives and friends at Songo Lake Pavilion on their 50th wedding anniversary arranged by their 10 children.

Announcement was made of the sale of the general insurance business of the late Walter E. Bartlett to Goodwin's Inc. of Norway.

Deaths: Mrs. Jennie Rich, James W. Reynolds.

70 years ago: Rodney Eames, Edward McDonald, and Hugh Brown escaped with minor injuries when Mr. Eames' car left the road, overturned and burned in Gilead.

The new basketball floor in the Farnsworth Field House, Gould Academy, was completed.

Deaths: Myron Maxim, Manville Hatstat.

80 years ago: Vivian F. Hutchins, formerly of Bethel, was appointed district operating manager of General Electric at Detroit, Mich.

Fred F. Bean was elected president of Bethel Savings Bank.

Top-grade cordwood, delivered, was advertised at \$9 a cord. Fitted hardwood at \$10.

90 years ago: An exploding blowtorch was the cause of a fire loss estimated at \$30,000 to \$50,000 at West Paris. Damaged or destroyed were R. T. Berry's hardware store, C. H. Lane's general store, F. H. Hill's barber shop, and W. H. Gardner's home.

L. M. Mann & Son were building a large sawmill at Bryant Pond.

Death: Christine Littlefield.

100 years ago: The Bethel corn shop, managed by S. C. Whitman of Halifax, N.S., shipped 2,000 cases of corn, the last of the season's crop of 7,500 cases.

The reservoir on Paradise Hill was near completion.

Death: Samuel Merrill.

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Letters

MEETINGS ON B.W.D. LAND

To the Editor:

Recently, the Board of Selectmen asked the Conservation Commission to solicit public opinion on how the town's 2,400-acre Bethel Water District land should be used. We are holding two public meetings and hope you will come and share your thoughts regarding how this major new resource should be used. The meetings will be at the Bethel Town Office: Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

Your written comments are welcome as well. Mail them to the Conservation Commission, Town of Bethel, P.O. Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217-1660 or e-mail them to the Conservation Commission chair, Jackie Cressy at rivendel@megalink.net. Please submit your comments by Dec. 9, 2011.

Through a Consent Agreement worked out between the Bethel Water District, the town and the state, the town now has the ability to use the land for several purposes. In developing the agreement, the guiding principals were the restrictions placed on the land in 1925 by William Bingham. The Agreement outlines the allowed uses and goals for the land as follows: Conservation of scenic and natural resources, Low impact outdoor recreation, Wildlife habitat, Sustainable yield timber harvesting, Other uses consistent with protection of water quality.

The proceeds from timber harvesting must be used to offset property taxes (paid to the town of Newry) and to support the above purposes on the property.

The complete Consent Agreement is available on the Town's website: Go to <http://www.bethelmaine.org> and click on "Bingham Trust Land" in the right column of the home page.

The Agreement requires the town to create a baseline documentation report and a management plan for the property. These public meetings are the first step in drafting a management plan.

To help ensure that this property meets the collective needs of the community and becomes a valuable resource for the town, please join us at one of the meetings.

Jackie Cressy, Kathy Ford, Jessie Seymour Perkins, Jarrod Crockett, Landon Fake
Bethel Conservation Commission

Manhunt

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a relative of Cox called police to say he had assaulted a family member. The victim was taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway where he was treated under police protection and released.

Cox is a lifelong resident of the area and is believed to live with his father, Daley said.

When the assault was reported, Daley said, law enforcement responded to Perkins Valley Road. They eventually set up a command post

and searched for Cox.

Five to seven residents were escorted from nearby houses to the fire station or command center. Daley said some had been threatened by Cox.

Later residents at a house on Route 26 listening to a police scanner apparently recognized the couple knocking on their door as the suspects, Daley said. They called dispatch, and officers arrested the pair without incident, he said.

Briefly

Wind Farm tour Saturday

WOODSTOCK—On Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting, Patriot Renewables will conduct tours of the recently constructed 20 MW wind project on Spruce Mountain. Visitors should park in the lot at the intersection of Concord Pond Road and Shagg Pond Road in Woodstock. Vans will bring people to the top of the mountain. Check the Facebook page www.facebook.com/sprucemountainwindproject or the website www.sprucemountainwind.com for updates on possible weather delays/cancellations. Additional tours will be held in the spring.

Exchange needs kids' clothes

BETHEL—The District Exchange is in need of used children's winter clothing, especially outerwear such as jackets, snow pants, boots and such. Anyone with clean and wearable winter clothes that have been outgrown may bring them in to the District Exchange during the hours of operation. Many area children need them. The Exchange is open Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 to 12 a.m. It is located at Bethel Park housing, 23 Mason Street in Bethel.

TEA grievance goes to mediation

BETHEL—A grievance brought to the SAD 44 board by the Telstar Education Association will go to mediation, Superintendent David Murphy said Monday. The grievance was first brought to the immediate supervisor, then to him as superintendent, before being denied by a vote of 11-5 by the school board. Murphy declined to provide details on the issue, and said no date has been set for mediation.

Gas price drops

AUGUSTA—The average cost of a gallon of gas in Maine has dropped by nearly a nickel in the past week. Price-monitoring website MaineGasPrices.com announced Monday that the average retail cost in now \$3.39 per gallon, more than 12 cents less than a month ago. That's still seven cents above the national average and almost 38 cents more than at the same time a year ago. A company analyst warns that consumers could not get too excited because the current price is still a historic high for this time of year, and volatility is expected for the rest of the year.

More casinos loom

HARTFORD—The race is on for more gambling casinos in southern New England now that Massachusetts is jumping into the business. Connecticut's Mohegan Sun is seeking to build a casino in Palmer, Mass., as other casino developers look at Springfield and Holyoke as possible sites in western Massachusetts. Rhode Island voters will be asked next year to approve a ballot question on whether to turn a slot parlor into a casino. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick signed legislation Tuesday authorizing up to three competitively bid casinos and one slots parlor. Connecticut officials expect the competition will hurt business at the state's casinos. Revenue already has declined because of the weak economy and competition. In addition to western Massachusetts, eastern and southern parts of the state are authorized for casino construction.

Hannaford offers 'To Go'

NORTH WINDHAM—Customers at two supermarkets in New Hampshire and Maine can now order their groceries online and pick them up at the stores without getting out of their cars. The "Hannaford to Go" service has been offered at the Hannaford supermarket in Dover, N.H., since March and was recently added to the chain's North Windham, Maine, location. Store manager John Mullins told the Portland Press Herald that about 20 customers a day have been using the drive through service in Maine, but he expects that number to increase once the store begins promoting it. The service is free for the first order and for any later orders over \$125. Otherwise, there's a \$5 service charge.

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USDA Inspected	Boneless Top Round Oven Roasts	\$3.27 lb.
USDA Inspected	Family Pack Boneless Chuck Steaks	\$3.27 lb.
USDA Inspected	Boneless Chuck Pot Roasts	\$3.27 lb.
USDA Inspected	Family Pack Boneless London Broil Steak	\$3.27 lb.
USDA Inspected	Boneless Shoulder Pot Roast	\$3.27 lb.
USDA Inspected	Boneless Sirloin Tip Roasts	\$3.27 lb.
USDA Inspected	Boneless Sirloin Tip Steaks	\$3.27 lb.
USDA Inspected	Boneless Top Round Steak	\$3.27 lb.
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Country Fresh	Boneless Pork Chops or Roast	\$2.77 lb.
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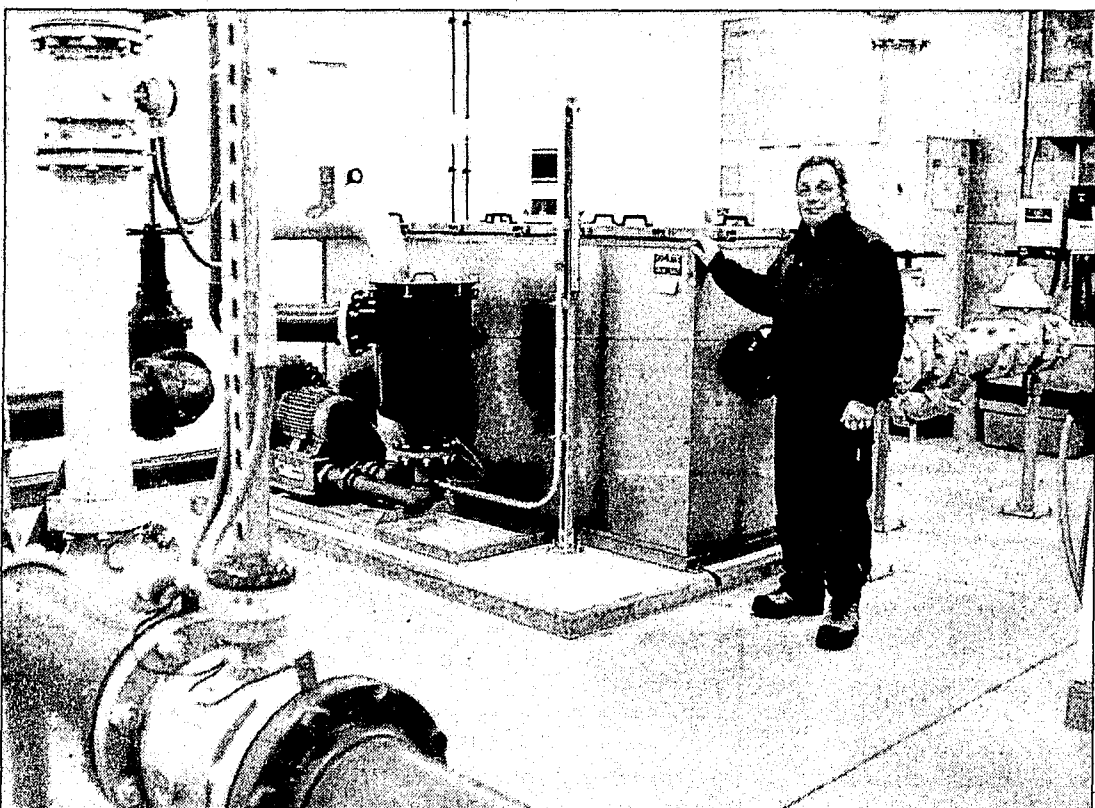
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TREATING THE PRODUCT—Bethel Water District Superintendent Lucien Roberge inside the North Road Pumping Station. Next to Roberge is a “DEEP BUBBLE” aerator used to raise the pH (acidity level) of water to the DEP-mandated level. The aerator (manufactured in Blue Hill) is an alternative to using caustic soda, “a nasty, miserable chemical,” Roberge said. The green pipes here carry in “raw” water from the wells into the plant; the blue carry treated water out into the system.

the new tanks were initially skeptical, Roberge said.

“A lot of people were apprehensive, because who’s going to give you a new, double-walled tank for free. It was almost too good to be true for some of them,” Roberge said.

But following DEP tank inspections that found numerous signs of tank failure, including corrosion and leaking, all the homeowners signed on for the new tanks.

“They realized it was a good deal for them,” Roberge said.

Pumping Station

The North Road Pumping Station is the heart of Bethel’s beefed up and modernized water system.

The brain is a computerized SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system), which monitors factors such as reservoir and ground-water levels, pH, chlorine, and flow rates — providing plant operators with the information needed to make decisions critical to keeping the system operating smoothly.

That’s in stark contrast to the system that existed between the loss of the reservoir and early 2009, when the station came on line.

During that post-flood transition period, water to Bethel was supplied by a sprawling, jury-rigged system that included a temporary impoundment (quickly constructed upstream of the original and brought up to DEP specs by Savage Excavation), private wells and often-temporary lines — much of it requiring constant monitoring.

It was a hectic and demanding period, Roberge said, especially when it came to laying the two miles of North Road pipe that makes the connection between the plant (and its SCADA) to the rest of the system.

“It was all done under duress,” he said.

“We had the watershed gone. We had a lot of obstacles in our way. We had one well out there that was ready to rock. It was very important that we

Timeshares

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timeshares, he said.

A year ago, shortly after Crockett was re-elected to the Legislature, McGrew (who had run against him) talked to him about getting the law changed back to the earlier, simplified process.

Crockett agreed and submitted a bill, LD 1448.

“You have to go through a full foreclosure process to reclaim abandoned property. It’s crazy,” he said. “The current process is unduly burdensome on the timeshare associations, and causes each timeshareowner to suffer, because the excessive costs of getting an abandoned timeshare back into circulation comes out of the operating budget for the association. This is one of the times when business and the consumer benefit from a simpler process.”

Crockett said the current law was passed before he joined the Legislature.

It was his understanding, he said, that the timeshares got inadvertently swept into the rewriting of a larger law on foreclosures.

But this past spring Crockett’s bill never got out of the Judiciary Committee, of which he is a member.

McGrew said there were concerns on the committee that a simplified process would not provide enough consumer protection.

But, said McGrew, “[Delinquent owners] aren’t saying, ‘don’t foreclose on me.’ We can’t find these people.”

He also said the shorter process benefits delinquent owners, because it rarely goes on to their credit reports. “It’s a win-win situation,” he said.

Crockett tried to get the bill considered again in the upcoming, second session of the Legislature, but said he was turned down by the Legislative Council, which decides what bills will go forward.

He has now requested the Economic Development Department to ask Gov. Paul LePage to submit a bill.

McGrew is preparing a letter to possibly submit to the governor.

“I truly believe you want to help business and working people in this state, and that you are committed to simplifying regulation to do so. Governor, this seems to be one of the easiest fixes you can make,” he wrote.

If the bill is unsuccessful again this year, it will be submitted again in 2013, Crockett said.

Trapper

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to keep kids interested. “My best days trapping are when my grandsons go with me. Trapping teaches kids how to work. Teaches them responsibility,” Olson said. “When you leave a trap, you leave a responsibility out there. The next day you have to go take care of that trap.”

Olson is known in the trapping circle for his annual New England Trappers Weekend, which will be held in August on his front lawn for the 36th consecutive year. Kids are required to make their own fishing poles for the fishing derby and the eel races are a riot, Olson said. “People come to have fun, maybe too much fun,” he said.

Maine is a good state to set traps in, he said. “We have a high density of fisher compared to other states and a good supply of martin in Northern Maine,” said Olson, who has trapped in 10 states.

Olson has kept a handwritten daily record of his harvest since 1973. He has trapped 10,600 beaver, more than 3,000 red fox and 1,400 coyotes. “Funny thing is, I have never shot a deer in my life,” Olson.

said “I have killed three with a vehicle, but never shot one.”

Olson makes a living trapping and selling furs seven months of the year. But he warns that “trapping is not a money game.” The effort versus the gains makes for minimal profits, he said. He jokes that he has never had a job that pays more the \$6.50 an hour.

“Fur trappers like myself are becoming rare,” Olson said. “When I started buying furs 35 years ago, there were 150 buyers in Maine. There are five left.”

Newry

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stop patching and start with the fixing,” he said.

Compactor

In another report, Powers said that Pine Tree Waste Co. had offered to provide, at no charge, the Tri-Town Transfer Station a trash compactor. Newry shares the station with Bethel and Hanover.

The towns would pay for a pad on which to place it, and for electricity to run it, Powers said.

The board decided to support the idea. Tri-Town is overseen by a committee with representation from each of the member towns.

In other business, Powers said the town has several volunteers willing to serve on the re-established Corridor Advisory Committee, which

will advise the state on any plans for the Route 26 Scenic Byway through Bear River. The group will include David Stearns, Audrey Brooke, Sylvia Gray, Brooks Morton and Owen Wight.

Several of them served on the original committee that was formed about a decade ago for the same purpose.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I am happy to say that I am almost done with my Christmas shopping.

I don't say that to boast or to make the last-minute shoppers feel badly. It's just the way it is. Shopping early is not something I do because I am an organized person. It's not done so I can take advantage of the best selections or sales. It is done strictly for budgetary reasons.

It is not because I have taken lessons from Martha Stewart that has taught me to be an early shopper. It is a case of necessity.

But, before any of you envy my nearly completed shopping situation, let me point out the down sides. It is not always that beneficial for a disorganized individual to start their Christmas shopping in April.

First of all, you run out of hiding places and second of all, you forget where in heck all your hiding places are.

This past weekend I decided that it might be a good idea to start wrapping things so I would not be faced with an all night wrapping frenzy a few days before Christmas like I usually am. This is when I discovered that I couldn't find where I put a good many of the presents I bought months ago.

I also discovered that some of the gifts that I bought a long time ago I had forgotten all about.

This would be a bonus if it wasn't for the fact that I apparently liked the items so much that I bought the same things again months later. I would exchange some of these things if only I could remember where in heck I bought them or where I might have stashed the sales slips.

Here's another bugaboo about shopping early. A large percentage of presents that I bought during

in over-crowded stores this month, but the people I envy are the ones who have the talent to make Christmas gifts. I have so much respect for the knitters and sewers and quilters of the world who make beautiful sweaters and quilts every year.

I have no skills for such lovely crafts. I can't sew a straight line no matter how hard I try. I can knit and purl from here to Boston, but I can't turn corners. I knitted a pair of two needle mittens when I was in high school; one mitten came out pretty good, but the other looked like it would fit the Jolly Green Giant if he had happened to have a deformed hand.

When I was pregnant with my son I attempted a baby sweater. Eight years later when my daughter was born I completed it, but my husband wouldn't let me put it on her because it was a bit misshapen. Okay, it was a lot misshapen.

So, in view of the fact that I can't make any presents and I can't save money throughout the year, I'm pretty much suck with buying a few gifts a month. My resolution for 2007 is to keep a list of what I bought and where I put it so I won't have the problems I have right now. I think that's a good idea and the way I see it, it's a heck of a lot easier than trying to knit a sweater.

... for me, money on hand, whether in the bank or under my mattress, is money spent.

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5 "You Babe" ('65 song)

9 Skimmer material

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19 Othello's ensign

20 — confederate

21 What the nose knows

22 Greene or Michaels

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24 Start of a remark by James Dent

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10 "... baby on the —"

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13 Violent card game?

14 Hunk of gunk

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17 Fairy-tale start

18 Goller's gadget

25 Disney rabbit

26 Tom, Dick, or Harry

28 No Einstein

34 Encourage a culprit

35 Go fishing

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38 Daily receipts

39 TV's "Shadows"

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43 Nick of "I Love Trouble"

44 Strauss aristocrat

45 Common contraction

46 Chutney ingredient

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55 Tolkien creation

56 Japanese volcano

57 Rubbed the wrong way

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64 Runners carry it

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73 — a Rebel! ('62 hit)

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75 It'll give you a weigh

76 Lowest point

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78 Sheet of stamps

79 Carve a canyon

82 Furniture wood

83 "Thanks, Robespierre!"

84 Idolize

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88 In-your-face item

89 Guinness or Baldwin

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110 Choose, with "for"

112 Face lift?

115 Wet blanket

116 Concerning

117 WWII gun

118 Tropical spot

120 Handel's — and Galatea?

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Nov. 22

At 5:09 p.m. Deputy Dennis Rider responded to a Mayville business for a possible counterfeit bill.

Wednesday, Nov. 23

At 3:43 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to an accident at the intersection of Railroad and Mechanic streets. A pickup truck had slid on snow through the stop sign and was struck by an oncoming car. Bethel Rescue responded for a minor injury but did not transport the subject.

At 3:48 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a vehicle that had gone into the ditch. There was no damage.

Friday, Nov. 25

At 12:25 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to a residence for a report of an intoxicated subject who had been passed out for an unknown time outside. The temperature was about 18 degrees. He could not get up but was able to call 911. Bethel Rescue took him to the hospital.

At 9:31 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder and Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to the Parkway for a request to remove an intoxicated subject from a business. The subject was given a criminal trespass warning.

Sunday, Nov. 27

At 2:27 a.m. on Railroad Street Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Shanon M. McAlister, 23, of Bethel for a warrant from Androscoggin County for unpaid fines and fees of \$600. She was also summonsed for illegal drug paraphernalia.

At 9:05 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to Mason Street for a welfare check. The subject was found to be fine.

Monday, Nov. 28

At 1:17 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to High Street for a report that someone had backed into a pole and left part of the bumper behind. The pole was leaning.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Nov. 28, 6:58 a.m.: Shanon M. McAlister, 23, of Bethel, failure to pay fines, by Deputy Matt Noyes in Bethel.

Nov. 29, 3 p.m.: Joshua W. Appleby, 27, of Woodstock, loaded firearm in/on a motor vehicle, by Cpl. Brian Landis in Woodstock.

Nov. 29, 5 p.m.: Joseph R. Cox, 26, of Woodstock, DV assault, DV terrorizing, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Josh Wyman in Woodstock.

Nov. 29, 5:55 p.m.: Shannon M. Young, 23, of Bangor, failure to pay fines; by Deputy Tom Harriman in West Paris.

Oxford County Sheriff

Nov. 21-28

Area calls, by incident type (single call for each incident, unless otherwise noted)

Albany: Threatening Suicide.

Andover: Traffic Accident w/ Damage (2); Telephone Harassment.

Bethel: Burglar Alarm (2); Animal Problem; Assault; Counterfeiting; Disabled Vehicle; Fraud; Medical Emergency; Traffic Accident w/ Damage (3); Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries; Request Officer (2); Traffic Violation; Unwanted Tenant (2); Vehicle Off Road; Warrant Failure To Pay; Welfare Check (2).

Gilead: Citizen Assist; Traffic Accident w/ Damage.

Hanover: Telephone Harassment.

Newry: Traffic Accident w/ Damage; Request Officer; Traffic Hazard.

Woodstock: Disabled Vehicle; Traffic Accident w/Damage.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



If you are traveling north on Route 26 at night, take some time to look at the three dazzling displays of Christmas lights at the Locke's Mills-Bethel town line. The Maine Line Products store in Locke's Mills has a stunning display of lights and Christmas figures. A few feet north, just over the town line, thousands of lights decorate the home of Francis Palmer and the We've Got the Look Hair and Tanning Salon. In Bethel Village Christmas trees light up the Bethel Common and lower Main Street near the Mountain View Mall. Across town along Route 2, three huge Christmas wreaths hang from the side of the 400-foot long pedestrian bridge that connects the walking trails on both sides of the Androscoggin.

Country Christmas in Bethel kicks into high gear on Saturday, Dec. 3. Local shops hosting special events will have a balloon outside. There will be free horse-drawn wagon rides through the village from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet near the Chapman Inn on the Common to get a wagon ride. The traditional Jingle Bell Run begins at 4 p.m. at the Key Bank on Main Street. Everyone who wants to participate should meet in the bank parking lot at 4 p.m. Participants will be given bells to carry or tie to their shoes. Everyone collectively jogs up Main Street to the Bethel Common for the arrival of Santa Claus and the lighting of the town Christmas Tree.

The West Bethel Union Church on Route 2 is holding a Christmas greens sale on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will also be a cookie walk and crafts and food for sale.

There will be a Christmas Fair and Tea on Dec. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, UCC, on Church Street in Bethel. Along with the traditional Christmas tea, there will be a sale of crafts and decorations, knitted items, baked goods, and a cookie walk.

Christmas trees are now for sale at Lowell's Saw Shop at 245 Walkers Mills Road, across from Telstar High School. The proceeds from tree sales goes to Greenstock Snow Sports to help pay for the cost of grooming and caring for hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails in this area.

The Christmas trees range in size from table-top trees, which sell for \$8, to trees that are ten-feet tall. Also available are Christmas wreaths and beautifully decorated kissing balls.

Avery Angevine hosted a Thanksgiving turkey dinner for his extended family on Sunday, Nov. 27, at the Sudbury Inn. Twenty-four family members attended the dinner, including five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

If you have holiday news you'd like to share, please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I do hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and Holiday weekend despite the snow and bad roads.

Butch and Ann Crockett had Paige, Jarrod, Suzie, and Ken for Thanksgiving dinner. On the 18th, Arlene Harrington went to Bucksport till Monday to visit her granddaughter, Karen Lanpher. Thanksgiving was spent with her granddaughter Stephanie Wardwell in Oxford. Arlene says that she will stay home for a while now.

Bettyann and Sonny Hastings had a nice day with Jeff and Kathy along with Jennifer who was home from UMO and Justin who was home from UNE.

Neil Olson told me that Carrie, his three grandsons and their dad were there for Thanksgiving and really enjoyed riding Neil's 1979 Elan snowmachine.

Angie Haines was happy to tell us that AJ was home on leave for his 21st birthday on Nov. 23, which they celebrated at Angie's mom's and dad's house.

Happy belated Birthday from the neighborhood, A.J. Thanksgiving they spent with Joe and Pam Hebert.

Congratulations to Jason Coolidge on the good-sized buck he bagged.

Please, do remember to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. I always enjoy hearing from my readers. I want to thank Bethel Rescue for their quick response. We are all so lucky to have you. Have a great week.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Congratulations to part-time residents Bruce and Medea Harris on the birth of Ford Anthony born Nov. 4. Ford joins his big brother, Graham, and sisters, Lily, Emerson, and Sarah.

Dec. 3 is a busy and important day around town, as Dottie and Roger Mills will celebrate 65 years of marriage. They have eleven children and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Andover Public Library will be hosting an open house on the 3rd from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Youngsters are invited to participate in a holiday craft session that will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Children's Room downstairs. Refreshments will be served and there will be several raffles. There are some new additions to the library besides books which includes new computers. Stop in and browse around this wonderful local resource for books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers. For additional information about the Open House or any other library concern call Janet at 392-4841.

Following worship on Dec. 4, the First Congregational Church will host its annual decorate the church for Christmas party and potluck. All are invited to help kick off the Christmas season. Christmas carols are usually sung during the decorating party. Come join in the fun, fellowship and a great meal.

The Sno-Valley Sno-Goers will hold a holiday potluck at the clubhouse off Route 5 beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Following the supper, there will be a club meeting at 7 and the drawing of the Fall 50/50 prize. The snowmobile club will also be accepting gifts for our elementary school's Christmas store which enables students to obtain gifts for family and friends for minimal or no cost. This is the third year the club has helped with this activity. All are welcome, bring your potluck and have a great evening.

For those of you who are interested in participating in what I would like to call Christmas in Andover Day on Dec. 10, there are still some tables available at the First Congregational Church. To reserve your space, please call Marsha Burns at 392-1894. Crafts will be available at the

Fire Station as well as the church. Santa will visit the children at 1 p.m. in the Fire Station. There will be loads of fun for everyone.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Crash, bang, screech and thud disturbed the quietness of the Hanover day as a four-wheeler came tumbling across the parking lot at Gordie Howe's Store last week. Was it a reckless four-wheeler driver and were their injuries? No. Come to find out the four-wheeler was being transported through Maine and was bound for New York when it became unattached from the trailer it was riding on and fell to the pavement on Route 2. Although some of the plastic parts were messed up, the machine was put back onto the trailer, attached more tightly and was on the way to New York again.

The Library ladies are busy making snacks for the gathering. A tree generously donated by one of Hanover's oldest, Bob Brown, from his prime forest has been placed in front of the Town Office. All these activities are making ready for Dec. 3, Saturday evening's tree lighting and social gathering. The tree lighting will be at 6 p.m. followed by a song-filled walk to the Town House where everyone can enjoy the snacks, sing or just visit. It will be fun and all of you should join in.

The snowstorm on Nov. 23 changed some people's plans for the next day's Thanksgiving celebration. Traveling was not much better on Thursday than it was on Wednesday so some folks just stayed home. One old fellow said his peanut butter sandwich was very good so he ate two and felt as full as if he had eaten a big meal.

We extend sympathy to Mike and Amy Verrill and family upon the death of Mike's father Harold Verrill. We also extend sympathy to Jeff and Lynn Watts due to the passing of Jeff's mother in Rhode Island.

Now that deer-hunting season has just about ended we begin to see deer tracks in the snow around apple trees. It seems like it is that way every year. One late

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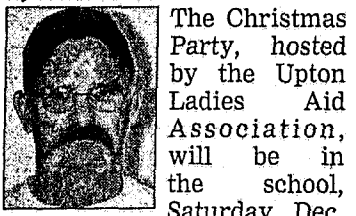
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season lucky hunter was Bob Moulton. The Hanover Planning Board is scheduled to meet Dec. 7. If you need to be on the agenda for the next Planning Board meeting contact the Town Office or Chairman Steve Pelletier as soon as possible. Remember; get 2 percent off your 2011 taxes if paid before Dec. 31, 2011. Dog licenses are due Dec. 31, 2011. Pay for your dog or face the penalty.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Christmas Party, hosted by the Upton Ladies Aid Association, will be in the school, Saturday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. Please come join the fun. For more details call Carol 533-2028 or e-mail her at smilinggabby@yahoo.com or call Charlotte at 533-2061 or e-mail her at pep1dom@megalink.net. The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday morning at 9 in the Upton House. They will talk about the trail and bridge work they have completed and the work that still needs to be done before riding season. Weather and schedules permitting there will be some crews headed out on the trails after the meeting. Come and have a coffee, join the meeting, join the fun, and join the club.

The Upton selectmen have a workshop meeting scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4. They will have their monthly meeting Dec. 11.

Thanksgiving dinner at Eric and Jennie's was great, thanks guys.

All that beautiful snow is gone; hope we get more soon. Contact me with your news-533-2010 email backstjoe@gmail.com

ety and the Town of Gilead. They were purchased from the Crescent Park School 5th grade fund raiser. We decided that the railroad station would look good with a wreath in each window and the schoolhouse wreath could go in the newly installed front window. Two of the wreaths for the town will go on the Town Office and the other one will go on the Town Hall.

Brad McLain and Carole Mason were dinner guests of Steve and Lise McLain for Thanksgiving. Last Sunday, Steve and Lise McLain went to the Rotary Club Breakfast with Brad and Carole. They were also joined by Ryan Seames, Olivia Seames and Emily Philbrick.

Lise McLain went to Portland this past week. While in the Old Port she went on a horse drawn wagon ride.

I had a call the other day from Sidney Murphy, who lives on the North Road. She wanted to know if I wanted some news for the paper. Since I am always looking for news, I was happy to hear from her. I expected to hear about her Thanksgiving Day, but was not prepared for what she told me. She said that at the beginning of last week she fell and broke her arm. She will be laid up for about six weeks while it heals. Sidney, hope you're feeling better soon.

Gilead Historical Society Mary Tyler has been working on the new fundraiser for the GHS. She has been gathering pictures from Gilead's past to use in a calendar for 2013. The GHS will be taking orders for them between January and March. They will be available by mail and also for purchase at Friends and Family Day. Anyone purchasing a calendar will have a chance to include some information; such as, family birthdates and anniversary dates. Got news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT

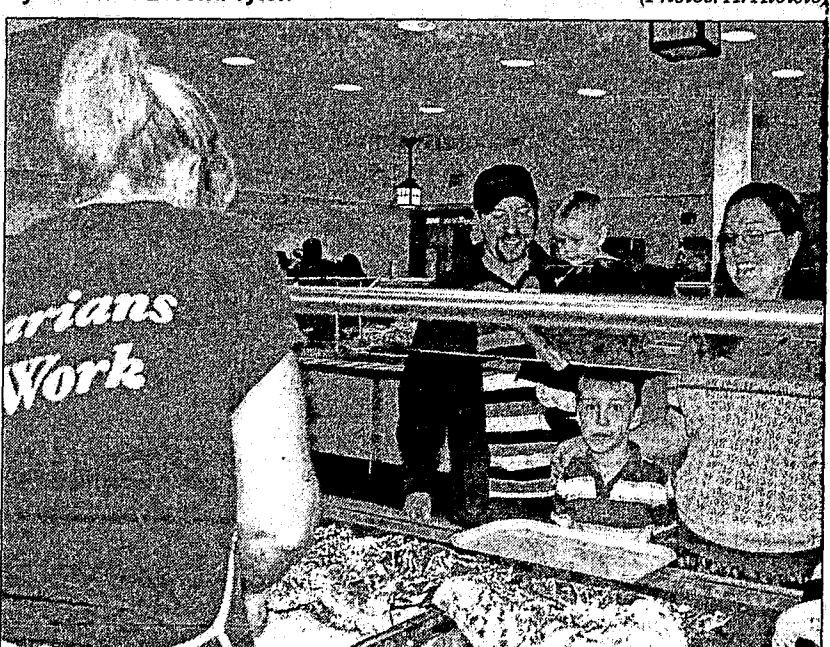


Greetings from Albany introducing your new reporter, Kathy Bennett. Hope you all had a wonderful snowy Thanksgiving. For those who have news for me please call me at 824-2797 and leave a message or call my cell at 381-7952 and leave a voice mail. I will be home to take your calls in the evening. You may also e-mail me at bennett-kathleen0@gmail.com.

As many of you remember I wrote this column many years ago when K-Ds Acres



GOOD FOOD FOR A GOOD CAUSEThe Bethel Rotary Club held its Fall Country Breakfast Sunday at Gould Academy's Ordway Dining Hall (above). The breakfast is a fundraiser for the club's community service projects. At left, Rotarian Bruce Powell cooks pancakes. Right, Eli and Eliza Mann, Bethany Corriveau and Jakob Hooper of Gilead are served by Rotarian Lorena Tyler. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



Locke Mills

By RETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood Fire Department is selling tickets for a 5,000-watt generator. Now that we have had two big storms already, that generator might come in quite handy this winter. Tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5 or 15 for \$10, and are available at the Greenwood Town Office or from any firefighter. The winning ticket will be drawn on Jan. 18, 2012.

Nearly 300 people attended Turkey Tuesday at the Locke's Mills Legion Hall last week. Great time, had a Thanksgiving meal that couldn't be beat, and all donations went to support the local Food Pantry.

Al and Roberta Curtis put the lights up on the tree at the

Legion Hall and the lighting was Nov. 27. The new lights for this tree were donated by the fire department. Holiday lights literally bring light and color to this dark time of year. It always lifts my spirits to see outside lights decorating the night landscape.

Town manager Kim Sparks said that an individual has requested a letter of support from the Greenwood Planning Board regarding the construction of mountain biking trails at/near Mt. Abram. The letter of support is needed so the person, not a Mt. Abram employee, can apply for a grant to build the proposed trails.

Speaking of Mt. Abram Ski Area, they told me their anticipated opening date is Dec. 10. Of course, Mother Nature determines whether temperatures stay cold enough to do that.

This last dump of snow has moved things along in closing up Round Pond. Right now, all

the coves are covered with thin ice/mush. The other ponds are still open water.

This Friday, Dec. 2, Telstar's Class of 2014 will host a benefit dinner in honor of Jordan Cole, a Greenwood resident who died in an auto accident this fall. All proceeds will go to Richard Sprague. The dinner will be at the Telstar cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under.

There are many craft and greens fairs going on in the area this Saturday. Check out the Community Calendar for details and plan to attend your favorites. These fairs are a tradition for many and are a good chance to socialize.

If you want to get an insider's perspective on the wind-power industry, Spruce Mountain Wind Project is holding an open house this weekend. Wish some of the power to be generated stayed

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The snow that arrived the day before Thanksgiving is still with us and it looks like it plans on staying. We had a couple of warm days but only warm enough to melt some snow off the roof.

My brother, Steve McLain, and his little black dog, Laney, were at the house this past weekend. We were discussing the Christmas wreaths that I picked up for the Gilead Historical Soci-

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The Greenwood Historical Society is hosting a Christmas potluck supper Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m., at the Society building (Route 26 across from the mill). Bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift for auction. Willy Hathaway will be the auctioneer.

You can send me news at gtaich16@gmail.com or call 975-2426.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



Salutations from Greenwood City. I hope everyone had a fabulous

Thanksgiving holiday. My family and I enjoyed the presence of each other and endured some delightful assortments of favorite foods. I like to make everyone's favorite pie, and all veggies and fruits alongside a baked turkey and a fried turkey. We always add in a new food, and this year we added the fondue fountain so the kids and the kids at heart could dip an assortment of fruits and fudges. It was a delight! We enjoyed one dinner at my house with my in-laws and my grandfather, then we finished the afternoon evening celebrating the occasion with my parents and siblings at my sister's house (The Savage Garage) in Bethel. This was her first Thanksgiving being a married woman, and my first year with my new brother-in-law. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Now that the busiest shopping day is behind us, we can start counting down till Christmas. I think the new snow has helped the holiday spirit. I know it has my mind and soul in the the Christmas mood. The kids have enjoyed the special prewinter treat with some early sliding and snowman making.

I had the chance on Friday to take my oldest son out hunting. We headed out in

the woods at the break of light when the land was in silence, the fresh new snow still clung to the tree branches; the ground glittered with the rising of the sun, the prints of the first sign of life engraved a direction we have to follow.

The first track we cut was a wild rabbit leading us in a deep thicket where I had never gone before; it soon crossed the track of a buck deer who led to a herd of doe tracks. We found their beds and pawing and droppings, but they were on the move and the land was quickly getting more dense. The forest animals started to come to life mid-morning, with the winter birds singing and the squirrels chirping, and the woodpeckers rat-a-ta-tapping echoing off the hills. The sun warmed up the trees and the snow started to slide off the branches and every so often I would get a nice clump of crisp, cold snow down the back of my neck. We declined to pursue the tracks, as we were getting out of our hunting zone. We made our way down the mountain to only bring home the memories of a great day spent out in the Maine woods. It's now time to retire the rifle and dust off the muzzle loader.

Hicks Pond is now fully frozen over with the first layer of ice pushing the ducks to swim in the river. Our cows are almost all dried up, awaiting another season of calving. I hope calving season will go a bit smoother than last year. We had a few complications but we were all successful with all live births. We had a few sleepless nights where we stayed overnight in the barn awaiting and assisting the cows while giving birth.

For the month of December we will be running low on fresh butter, but no worries, the cows will freshen come January and we will be back to the churn once again. The goats are drying up, too, waiting their expectancy. This year we should have a nice size milking herd. The chickens are slacking off thinking they are gonna take time off, which they never checked with the farmer for vacation time! Our Shelties have their beautiful winter coat now grown. My youngest son's kitten is growing like a weed and going to be so much fun with the Christmas tree. I've been through this stage time and time again so I know what to expect.

We plan on cutting our tree down this weekend. As a tradition we search for a new tree farm each year and set out for a day's search to find the right tree.

Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. is the Christmas tree lighting in Bryant Pond and then cookies with Santa is to be followed at the Woodstock school, and it's open to the community. It's a truly good time where kids get together, have a great time making crafts associated with Christmas, visiting Santa and a time to snack on some delicious cookies to finish the evening. We always have a book reading of "Twas the Night before Christmas." We always attend and I encourage you to.

My thought for the week is "no one is a whole chain. Each one of us is a link. But take away one link and the chain is broken. We need each other. You need someone and someone needs you."

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Last week was for eating. This week is for eating leftovers. Anyone see a pattern here?

Like many, we ate too much and then waited and had dessert. Then we came home and ate again later. At least that is what it felt like. I do not really think we did eat all that much, just a little more than usual.

We went to Turkey Tuesday and had a great meal. There were all kinds of people there of all ages. Everyone had a great time. I didn't get the final amount that was raised, but with 300-plus people signing in that was a lot of canned goods. The food pantry also gave out turkeys that had been donated. I got a call from a friend who is part of a religious group that was giving out Thanksgiving meals and was able to refer a friend to them. That to me is what Thanksgiving is all about. Family, friends and inclusion of those less fortunate.

How did everyone like that snowstorm last Wednesday? David had to work at the last minute yes the dump was open and took my Rav4 because it has 4-wheel drive. That was the first time he appreciated it. He made it up the hill on Hunt's Corner Road with no problems. I guess we need snow tires for his new van. Anyone have extras? Thursday, Dec. 1, ACA will

meet at Waterford Library from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a step group and new members are always welcome. FMI please call 739-9115.

Harrison's Christmas week begins on Thursday, with 5 to 6:30 p.m. soup and song at the Congo Church of Harrison. Canned goods donations are requested.

Friday, Dec. 2, all day stroll through the village and enjoy homes and businesses decorated for the holiday.

6:30 Santa arrives. Bring a flashlight or candle.

6 to 8 Lion's Club Food booth selling hot drinks.

7 to 8 Children may visit Santa at the Town Office.

Saturday, Dec. 3, 7 to 9:30 a.m. Holiday Pancake Breakfast at Congo Church (donations accepted.).

8:30 a.m. Free Zumba toning at the Harrison Ballroom. Class at 9.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chinese Auction at Lion's Den

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free horseback rides throughout village.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Harrison Brass Choir will play as they wander throughout the village.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's Crafts at the Town Office.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit with Santa at the Old Mill Tavern

10:00 noon Cookie Walk and gingerbread men decorating at Harrison Library.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Annual Craft Fair and Christmas Tree sale.

5 to 7:30 p.m. Chowder Supper at Congo Church.

Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 7 p.m. Western Maine Senior College annual performance of nine comic plays. FMI please call 824-0080.

Sunday, 4 p.m., Waterford A stamping Stamp Up at the Wilkins House. 2 p.m. \$20 to benefit Waterford Congo Church. FMI call Dianne Morse Leonard at 583-4820.

Monday, Dec. 5 Socrates Café 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waterford Library. FMI call 583-6957.

That's all for this week.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday, Nov. 19, for a regular meeting. Reports were given on

repair work. Thank-you notes were signed for the ones who have already done some work. Program was on Thanksgiving. Opening thought, Bertha DeHaas,

song, "We Gather to Gather," skit by Laura Hutchins and Richard Felt, Game with words, reading "Our Thanksgiving," by Alice Hoyt, song "Come All Ye Thankful People Come," closing thought. The Thanksgiving basket was drawn and Jennifer Felt received it. A very nice Thanksgiving meal was enjoyed following the meeting. Next meeting will be Dec. 3 with an exchange of gifts. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. followed by dinner.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Harold Verrill Sr.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. Dec. 3 is Ladies Shopping Day; meet at the church at 8:30.

Joseph Hoyt visited his dad, James Hoyt, and grandparents, Kent and Alice Hoyt, on Monday, Nov. 21.

The December meeting of the Historical Society will be the first Saturday of the month, and features a Christmas Party with exchange of cards and gifts.

The Thanksgiving dinner at Telstar on Saturday, Nov. 20, was delicious and well attended. Thanks to all who helped on it.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet Thursday, Dec. 1 (today) for a meeting and Christmas Program at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Dinner will be put on by the auxiliary and program by the Forestdale School children. Dinner is \$10. Time of meeting is 11:30.

The Whitman Memorial Library program for December is Thursday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at the library. Christmas crafts by Althea Hathaway and Genneth Berryment. You will make Christmas angels. Supplies will be provided.

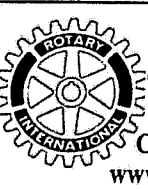
So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



G' morning dear readers it's a foggy day here on this Nov. 28 with 39 degrees this morning.

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the snow we got before Thanksgiving.

Condolences to the families of Albert (Jim) Carey, and Gordon Peaco, Love and prayers to each family member on the loss of their loved one.

A country music Sunday was held at the Legion Hall in Paris yesterday. It was a good day and it was great seeing the many I had not seen for quite awhile. The proceeds from the show were for the Veterans. Was truly hoping to see more out but there is a lot going on this time of year.

An awsum day for the Oxford Hills Area parade Saturday. Many very beautifully decorated floats. The band (Lolalee & The Country Bandits) is off to Rumford today to entertain the residents at the Rumford Community Home.

Doctors appointments this week for both of us, then that will take care of the year for 2011.

Celebrating December birthdays are: Cleo Ryerson, Jim Mason, Jr., Lyndon Mason, Rachel Grover, Laurie Wilson, Paul Benson, Alex Poland, Bill Grover, Roni Grover, Jr., Christopher Wilday, Marilyn Hanscom, Jeff Kennison, Donna Danforth, Jayme Mack, Ryan Wing, George DeWitt, Brenda DeWitt, Dell Parker.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Kevin and Natasha Hodson, Bill and Leanna Wisnosky and Randy and Tia Gladden.

We enjoyed a great Thanksgiving Day with fellow musicians and friends at a Thanksgiving Day meal and jam session at the Sportsman Club in Litchfield. There were 50 of us who gathered for the day. There were four turkeys cooked with all the trimmings. We each brought something to share for the main meal and the dessert table. After the tables were cleared the musicians and entertainers

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3. Limit one entry per person. Entries will not be returned.
4. All entries must be in by Dec. 22.
5. Submissions are considered property of this newspaper and may be printed in this newspaper.
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assembled to play and sing while many took to the floor to dance.

Please share a birthday or anniversary with our readers, or any other news you would like to share with us.

One can call me at 674-3104. Leave a call back number or a short message.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well and happy.

Quote of the week, "No one is in control of your happiness but you; therefore, you have the power to change anything about yourself or your life that you want to change."

TMS ArtReach next week

Telstar Middle School students will showcase their musical and visual art accomplishments alongside the works of local adult artists at the 7th annual TMS ArtReach, to be held at the Telstar Complex on Dec. 8, 2011 from 5 to 8 p.m. (snow date Dec. 13 same times).

This event, which connects art with service-learning, will include a student art exhibit and sale, a program of special student performances, and a live art auction of artworks donated by local artists. All of the money raised at this event will benefit the SERV service-learning project (Special Environments Restoring Vitality) which is focused on learning about and helping The Maine Wildlife Park and The Maine Handicapped Skiing organization.

For this year's ArtReach project, TMS Advanced Art students chose to learn about and help these two wonderful nonprofit organizations because of the work they do to provide special environments that restore a sense of vitality and dignity to both humans and animals. All the funds raised at the December 2011 ArtReach event will be split evenly between these two organizations.

At 5 p.m., the show will open with the student visual art exhibit and sale, the live auction preview, and a bake sale. Many student artworks will be offered for sale, and the live art auction will include several donated artworks, both two- and three-dimensional, in a variety of media. The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program of special student performances at 7 p.m. More information about the SERV project can be found at the project's website: <http://www.wix.com/TMSERV/ARTREACH>. For more information about this event, please contact Melissa Prescott, Visual Art Teacher,

FROM A CORNER TO A CORNER OFFICE
The Bethel Planning Department recently moved into its new home – the former Bethel Police Department Office – last Friday. Local contractors Rich DiPlacido (carpentry) and Chuck Roman (painting) donated their time and talents to help make improvements to the room. The original wood floor was re-finished by Denny Wheeler. Planning Assistant Vicki Rackliffe (working here) will share the room with assessors and a yet-to-be hired code enforcement officer. Former CEO Bob Folsom recently resigned the position. Rackliffe formerly worked at a desk in the corner of the town office meeting room.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Telstar Middle School, 284 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, ME 04217, or mandimprescott@gmail.com or prescottm@sad44.org 824-2136 x228.

Tips for cutting WMNF Christmas trees

Cutting your own Christmas tree can be an enjoyable adventure for the entire family. This year you may want to plan a visit to your National Forest! Bundle up, make a lunch, bring your handsaw or ax and look for that special tree. You will need a permit, sharp saw, thermos of cocoa and a little patience.

A Christmas tree permit can be purchased for \$5 from the White Mountain National Forest. Offices are located in Campton, Lincoln, Gorham and Conway, N.H. A reminder that the Androscoggin Ranger Station in Gorham, N.H., is offering limited services due to building maintenance and is closed on the weekend. The Saco Ranger District in Conway, N.H., is also now closed on weekends. Please plan ahead for any informational needs and permits. For more information about the White Mountain National Forest, office hours, and recreation opportunities, including recreation and road closures due to storm damage, visit www.fs.fed.us/r9/white.

Several different types of evergreen grow in the White Mountain National Forest. Many people prefer the balsam fir because of fragrance

and needle retention.

Others prefer the spruce because of the fullness of the branches and the classic shape. Keep in mind that a wild tree may not have the perfect appearance of a commercial tree.

Be prepared to do some real searching. Somewhere out there is your ideal Christmas tree!

Please remember:

–Trees are for personal use only, not for resale. Each family may cut one tree per permit.

–Use only hand tools to cut Christmas trees. Chainsaws are not permitted.

–Make sure you are on National Forest land. Respect the rights of landowners when crossing private property.

–Do not cut trees in or near campgrounds, picnic areas,

Experimental Forests, Wilderness, timber sale areas, or within 100 feet of a state highway. When you purchase the permit ask if there are any known "off limit" areas.

–Do not cut trees larger than 8 inches in diameter at chest height. Pack down limb piles low enough so they are within 2 feet of the ground. Scatter limbs and wood at least 25 feet away from roads, streams, hiking trails, and property boundaries.

–Cut your tree so remaining stumps will be less than 10 inches in height.

–Attach your tree tag after cutting and before transporting your tree.

Be prepared for winter dress appropriately in warm clothing, and make your day a safe one.

Andover Library Open House

The Andover Public Library is hosting an Open House event on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Youngsters are invited to participate in the holiday craft session from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Children's room downstairs. Refreshments and raffles will be offered. There will be several raffle baskets. Enter the free raffle for a Hannaford's gift card and the new Lewiston Sun Journal Cookbook. Knitting enthusiasts will want to enter raffles for supplies and knitting books authored by former resident Kris Percival. Prepare to avoid the upcoming winter doldrums with the library's help books, maga-

zines, newspapers, DVDs and books on CDs are available. There are several new computers to show off and wi-fi throughout the building.

Stop by and say hello, browse all the new titles and become reacquainted with your favorite author discover a new one! For more information about the library or the Open House events call 892-4841.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction: "Silent Girl" by Tess Gerritsen, "Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb" by Melanie Benjamin, "Best of Me" by Nicholas Sparks, "Flash and Bones" by Kathy Reichs, "Lethal" by Sandra Brown, "Mercy" by Beverly Lewis, "Nightwoods" by Charles Frazier, "Shock Wave" by John Sandford, "Tag Man" by Archer Mayor, "1225 Christmas Tree Lane" by Debbie Macomber, "Heartwishes" by Jude Deveraux, "Kill Me if You Can" by James Patterson, "Only Time Will Tell" by Jeffery Archer, "Ballad of Tom Doolley" by Sharyn McCrumb, "Then Came You" by Jennifer Weiner, "Escape" by Barbara Delinsky, "1st Dance" by Richard Wheeler.

Adult Non-Fiction: "Physics of the Future" by Dr. Michio Kaku, "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand, "The Mindset Lists of American History" by Tom McBride.

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TELSTAR WINTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
December			
Friday 2	Sacopee	Telstar	4:00
Friday 9	Madison	Telstar	7:30
Monday 12	Mt. Abram	Mt. Abram	5:30
Thursday 15	Dirigo	Dirigo	7:00
Monday 19	Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	4:00
Wednesday 21	Carrabec	Carrabec	7:00
Wednesday 28	Wiscasset	Wiscasset	1:00
January			
Monday 2	Lisbon	Lisbon	7:00
Thursday 5	Boothbay	Telstar	4:00
Tuesday 10	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	7:00
Friday 13	St. Dom's	St. Dom's	7:00
Wednesday 18	Winthrop	Winthrop	7:00
Thursday 19	Mt. Abram	Telstar	5:30
Tuesday 24	Lisbon	Telstar	7:00
Friday 27	Winthrop	Telstar	5:30
Tuesday 31	Dirigo	Telstar	7:00
February			
Friday 3	Monmouth	Telstar	7:00
Tuesday 7	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale	7:00
Thursday 9	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	7:00

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
December			
Friday 2	Sacopee	Telstar	5:30
Friday 9	Madison	Telstar	6:00
Monday 12	Mt. Abram	Mt. Abram	7:00
Friday 16	Dirigo	Dirigo	7:00
Monday 19	Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	7:00
Wednesday 28	Wiscasset	Wiscasset	2:30
January			
Tuesday 3	Lisbon	Lisbon	7:00
Thursday 5	Boothbay	Telstar	7:00
Monday 9	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	7:00
Friday 13	St. Dom's	St. Dom's	5:30
Wednesday 18	Winthrop	Winthrop	5:30
Thursday 19	Mt. Abram	Telstar	7:00
Saturday 21	Madison	Madison	7:00
Monday 23	Lisbon	Telstar	7:00
Friday 27	Winthrop	Telstar	7:00
Monday 30	Dirigo	Telstar	7:00
February			
Thursday 2	Monmouth	Telstar	7:00
Monday 6	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale	7:00
Wednesday 8	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	7:00

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS JV BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
December			
Friday 9	Madison	Telstar	4:30
Friday 16	Dirigo	Dirigo	5:30
Monday 19	Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	5:30
Wednesday 21	Carrabec	Carrabec	5:30
January			
Tuesday 3	Lisbon	Lisbon	5:30
Thursday 5	Boothbay	Telstar	5:30
Monday 9	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	5:30
Monday 13	St. Dom's	St. Dom's	4:00
Saturday 18	Winthrop	Winthrop	4:00
Tuesday 21	Madison	Madison	5:30
Thursday 23	Lisbon	Telstar	5:30
Friday 27	Winthrop	Telstar	4:00
Monday 30	Dirigo	Telstar	5:30
February			
Thursday 2	Monmouth	Telstar	5:30
Monday 6	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale	5:30
Wednesday 8	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	5:30

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
December			
Saturday 3	Round Robin: Mad, Carr, Mt. Val, Buckfield	Jay MS & Jay HS	10:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00
Thursday 8	Spruce Mtn.	Jay HS	3:30
Monday 12	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	3:30
Wednesday 14	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30
January			
Wednesday 4	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30
Wednesday 11	Carrabec	Telstar	3:30
Wednesday 20	Buckfield	Telstar	3:30
Monday 23	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	3:30
Wednesday 25	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	5:00
Monday 30	Buckfield	Buckfield	3:30
February			
Wednesday 2	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:30

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
December			
Saturday 3	Round Robin: Mad, Carr, Mt. Val, Buckfield	Jay MS & Jay HS	10:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00
Wednesday 7	Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	3:30
Monday 12	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	3:30
Wednesday 14	St. Dom's (V only)	St. Dom's	5:00
Thursday 19	Buckfield (V only)	Buckfield	3:30
January			
Tuesday 3	Buckfield (V only)	Telstar	3:30
Wednesday 4	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:30
Friday 6	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	3:30
Wednesday 11	Carrabec	Telstar	3:30
Saturday 18	Spruce Mtn.	Jay HS	3:30
Wednesday 25	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	3:30
February			
Tuesday 1	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30
Wednesday 8	Carrabec	Carrabec	3:30

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Anyone can register for the workshops by calling 824-2282, but space is limited. Prepayment is required.

This workshop is designed for businesses that are already "dabbling" in social media and online marketing and want to learn more specific strategies to take them to the "next step." Shannon Kinney from Dream Local will help attendees with their individual needs. Shannon will use best practices and examples from local businesses specifically, and include as many attendees/members as are appropriate.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptop computers with them to the workshop.

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Thursday: Cheese ravioli w/spaghetti sauce, italian bread, Sunbutter and jelly.

Friday: Italian sandwich, tuna sandwich/bun, Snack Mix, Sunbutter and fluff.

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SENIOR COLLEGE PLAYERS WEEKEND OF THEATER-"Almost the Bride of Dracula" is one of nine plays to be performed by the Senior College Players on Dec. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. at the Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center, Trustees Auditorium. Shown is Dracula, played by Norman Millard, surrounded by his "almost brides" Joanne Morse, Carole Timberlake, and Tineke Owninga. Free admission. Donations accepted to offset royalty fees. FMI call director, Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

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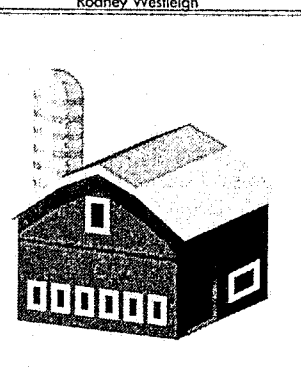
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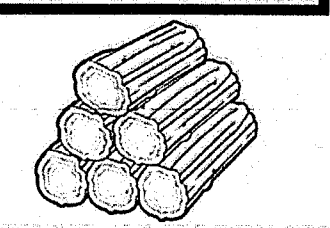
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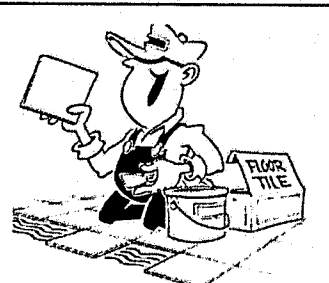
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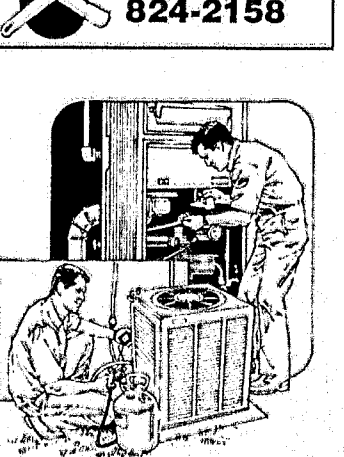
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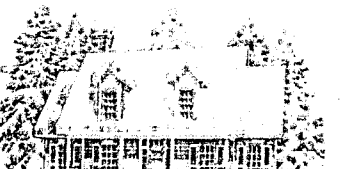
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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Saviour, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev.

Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 824-2037 or 836-3763.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel.

Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministries - Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline. Rev. Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m. followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - Rev. Don Coverdale. **Summer**: For weddings call (781) 710-8086. **Winter**: Interdenominational worship, seasonal Christmas Eve through Easter. Sunday 10 to 11 a.m. at White Cap, second floor.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sun-

day service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m., Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is pro-

vided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

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OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Saviour, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School - 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth - 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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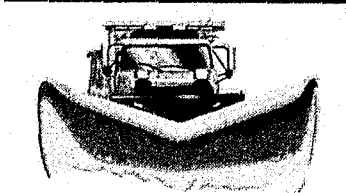
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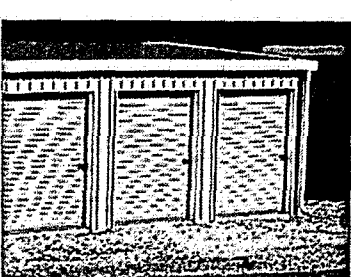
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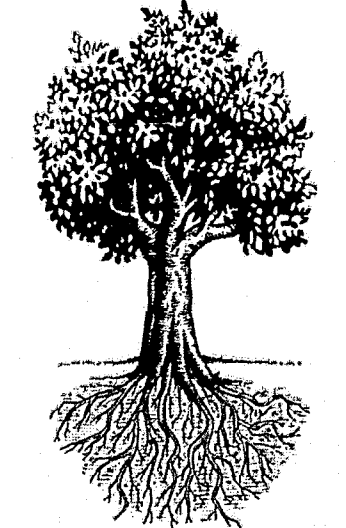


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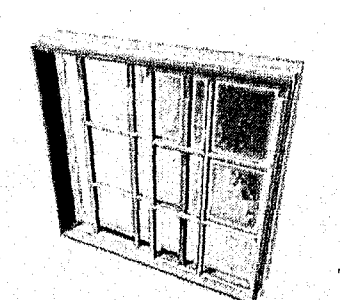
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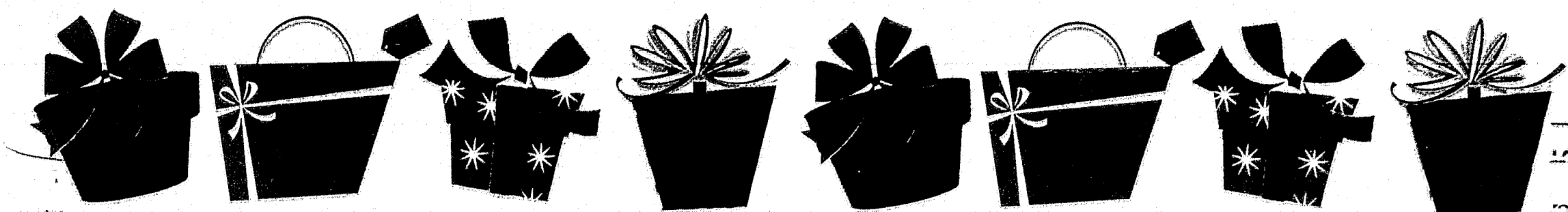
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Happening Around Town

Christmas at the Mason House Saturday, December 3

Music & refreshments in the Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles. Free and open to the public (donations appreciated); 3:30 to 6:00 PM, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. FMI, Bethel Historical Society, 207-824-2908 / 800-824-2910

Horse-drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, December 3

What a fun family activity for young and old alike! From 2:00-4:00pm. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available through historical Bethel village thanks to our sponsor, Oxford Networks. Gather near the Chapman Inn side of the Bethel common for a free ride.

Christmas Fair & Tea Saturday, December 3

1 - 4p.m. Christmas Fair & Tea at West Parish Congregational Church, UCC on Church Street. Along with the Christmas Tea there is a Christmas sale featuring handmade crafts & decorations, fine knitted items, a cookie walk, bake sale and attic treasures.

12th Annual Santa Sunday Sunday, December 4

Come celebrate the arrival of winter and the upcoming holiday season while raising money for a good cause with Sunday River's 12th Annual Santa Sunday. Dress in a full Santa costume and you can ski or ride for free, plus get two free early-season lift tickets to come back. Remember that you must register in advance. There are only 250 Santa spaces available. We will start registration on-line on Monday, November 28th at noon.

Ultimate Ski House Tour Saturday & Sunday, December 10 & 11

Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club presents the Ultimate Ski House Tour Saturday and Sunday. Help support local snow sport athletes. Experience incredible architecture and breathtaking views by touring some of Sunday River Resort area's finest homes. All homes will be open from 1:00 - 5:30PM on Saturday, and from 11AM - 3PM on Sunday. Pick-up maps the day of the event at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 8 Station Place in Bethel. All proceeds go to the Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club (a 501C-3 non-profit organization) to benefit athletes in competition. programs. Tickets may be purchased on line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/209406 or locally at Dream Realty, Four Seasons Realty, Mahosuc Realty and Sunday River Real Estate.

Maine Day presented by Bank of Maine Sunday, December 11

Sunday River loves Maine, and so do our friends at The Bank of Maine. So, it was only natural that we teamed up to offer Maine Day - a opportunity for Maine residents to get out and ski or snowboard (or learn how) at special rates. Sunday, December 11 is officially Maine Day, presented by The Bank of Maine. Maine residents can purchase lift tickets for just \$29, rent skis or a snowboard for just \$20, or sign up for a learn-to-ski or -ride package (that includes a lift ticket, rental equipment and a lesson) for just \$39! It's a great way to celebrate the fantastic skiing we have right here in our own backyard. Residents must show proof of residency, and learn-to packages are limited to ages 7+.

Winterfest 2011 at Sunday River Friday-Sunday, December 16-18

Come join the party at Winterfest 2011 where we kick-off the season with a bang for the fourth year in a row. Discounted ski and stay packages and many events will be happening throughout the weekend. FMI call 1-800-543-2754.

The Living Nativity Sunday, December 18

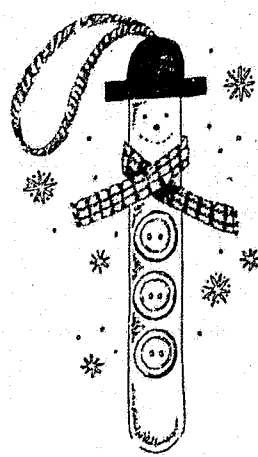
A live re-enactment of the nativity using real people and live animals is very inspiring! This event is held outside every year on the Bethel village common. Dress warm and come to the common on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5:00pm to view this scene performed by local people...and animals. Which new family will play Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus this year?

Festive homemade holiday decorations sure to spruce up your home!

Slim Snowman Ornament

This little guy looks so cute peeking out of stockings!

cream, black and orange acrylic paint
paint brush
large wooden craft stick
hot glue
1½" x ¼" black fabric strip
¾" x ⅜" flannel scrap
3 buttons
fine point black marker
jute



Paint front and back of craft stick with cream paint, leaving ¾ inch on one end unfinished; let dry. Paint the unfinished end black on both sides; let dry. To form the hat brim, hot glue the black fabric strip to the craft stick where cream and black paint meet. About ¼ inch below the brim, wrap the flannel strip around the stick and hot glue to secure. Attach the buttons below the scarf using hot glue. Using the wooden handle of the paint brush, dot an orange nose and two black eyes below the hat brim. Using the black marker, complete the snowman face by adding a dotted smile. Loop the jute and hot glue to the back of the snowman's hat for hanging.

Flowerpot Christmas Tree

So welcoming on the front porch or deck.

assorted acrylic paints including green and white
paint brush
4 terra cotta pots, in graduated sizes
sponge, quartered
spray polyurethane

Paint each pot green; let dry. Sponge white paint around the rim of each pot; let dry. Stack pots to form a tree. Use assorted paints to sponge ornaments onto the tree. Spray with polyurethane to seal.

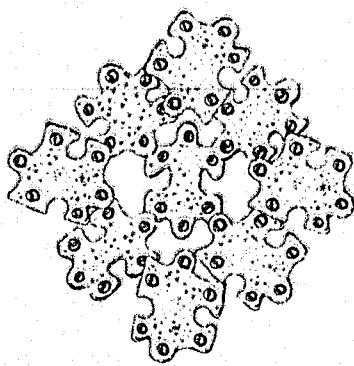


Puzzle Piece Snowflake

Use beads and sequins to add even more glittery color.

spray paint
8 to 10 small puzzle pieces
craft glue
40 to 50 small metallic beads
spray adhesive
glitter
floral wire

Spray paint front and back of puzzle pieces; let dry. Glue the pieces together, overlapping different sides, forming a snowflake design; glue on beads. Lightly spray adhesive over snowflake; immediately sprinkle on glitter. Use floral wire to attach the snowflake to your tree.



Clip On Mittens

Darling on a tree or attached to a bright holiday gift!

scissors
cardboard
felt in holiday colors
glitter
craft glue
wooden clothespins with springs

Cut a mitten shape from the cardboard; use as a pattern to trace mittens onto felt. Cut out mittens and decorate with glitter and scraps of felt using dots, stripes or holiday shapes. Glue a clothespin to the back of each mitten.

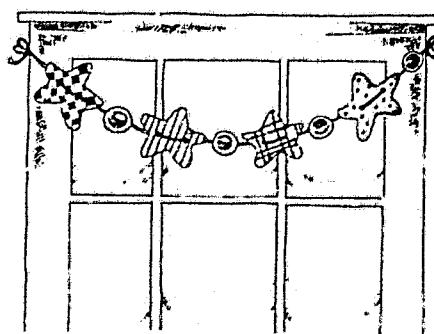


Homespun Garland

Try using an old-fashioned gingerbread man cutter too!

spray adhesive
homespun fabric scraps
20"x30" white poster board
star cookie cutter
scissors
hole punch
jute
buttons

Use spray adhesive to glue a piece of homespun on each side of the poster board, sandwiching it between the fabric. Using the cookie cutter as a stencil, cut poster board into stars. Punch two holes, side by side, in the center of each star. String jute through holes of stars and buttons; hang from tree or window.

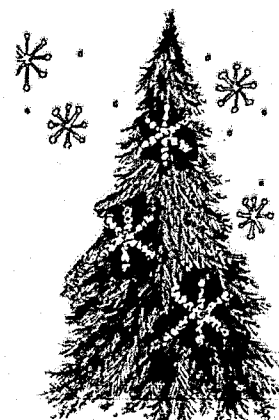


Popcorn Stars

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popped popcorn
needle-nose pliers

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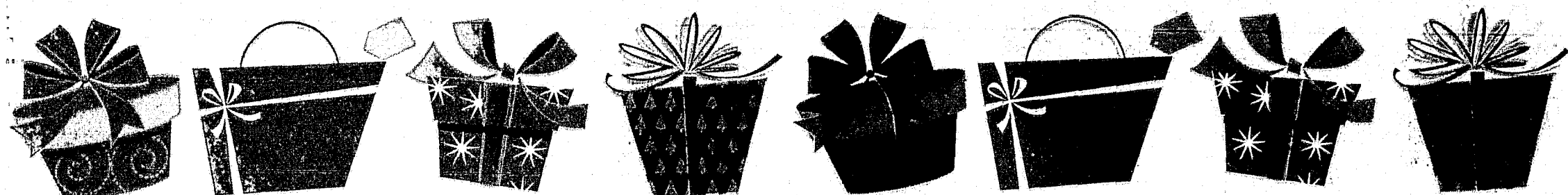


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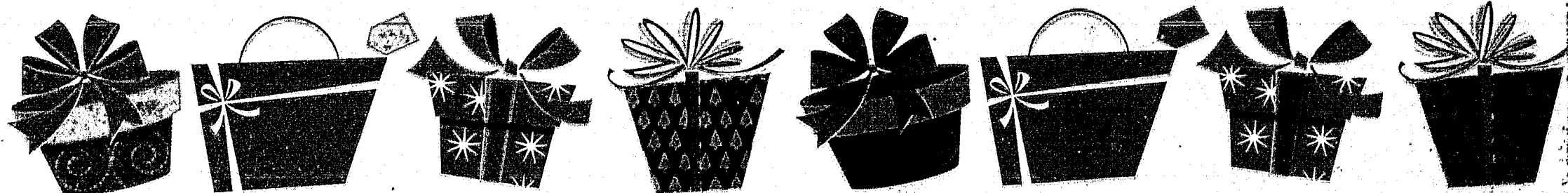
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Community Calendar

Sundays thru March 4

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Public Skating** at Hebron Academy Robinson Arena rink. Cost: \$3 Adults/\$2 age 12 and under. Parking available in Athletic Center lot off Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org.

Thru Dec. 18

11 to 12:30 - **Nordic Walking** at Roberts Farm Preserve, 64 Roberts Road, Norway. Meet at parking area. Bring walking poles if possible, a few available for loan. Dress in layers and wear good walking shoes or hiking boots. FMI: 739-2124.

Tuesdays Thru Dec. 20

2 to 3:30 p.m. - **Grief Support Group - Support through Holiday Season** at Harper Conference Center in Ripley Medical Office building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Free but registration required. FMI/register: Robin Green LCSW at 743-1562 ext 6999.

Thursday, Dec. 1

3 to 5 p.m. - **Christmas Craft Afternoon** for children 5-12 at Bethel Nazarene Church. FMI/register: Kathy Mason (875-6008) or e-mail cnkmason@megalink.net.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC)** Volunteer Social at Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House. Free appetizers, beer and wine. All interested invited. FMI: Jessie Perkins, Network Facilitator (754-8158) or jsp@bethelmainenonprofits.org.

Friday, Dec. 2

5 to 7 p.m. - **Benefit Dinner in memory of Jordan Cole**, hosted by Telstar's Class of 2014 at Telstar cafeteria. Price: \$8 adults/\$5 for 12 and under. All proceeds go to Richard Sprague in honor of Jordan Cole and his family.

7:30 p.m. - **Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center**, Fryeburg Academy presents Jazz Artist Tish Oney. Tickets: \$25 adults/\$20 seniors/\$10 students. FMI/tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3

7 to 9 p.m. - **Senior College Players** perform nine serious and comic plays in McLaughlin Science Center Trustees Auditorium, Gould Academy. Free admission. Donations accepted to offset royalty fees for plays. FMI: Director Lynn Arizzi 824-0080.

Friday, Dec. 2 and 9, Saturday, Dec. 17

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** dances at South Paris Legion Hall. No dance Dec. 24. Adults, \$5.

Saturday, Dec. 3

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Christmas Fair and Sale**, Sabbathday Lake Grange 365, New Gloucester. All tables rented. Soup and chop suey available for lunch and turkey pies available for sale.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Craft Fair**, Agnes Gray School, West Paris, sponsored by West Paris Fire Auxiliary. Vendors and crafters needed. Call 674-5890 or 674-5860.

9:30 to 11:30 - **Greens Sale**, West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, cookie walk and food.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Spruce Mountain Wind Project Open House/Tours**, weather permitting. Parking in lot intersection of Concord Pond Road and Shagg Pond Road, Woodstock. Vans will bring people to the top of mountain. FMI and updates (weather/cancellations) at www.facebook.com/sprucemountainwindproject or www.sprucemountainwind.com.

12 to 4 p.m. - **Christmas Fair and Tea** at West Parish

Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Traditional tea, crafts, cookie walk, Attic Treasures, baked goods and Fair Trade Products.

1 to 4:30 p.m. - **Open House**, Andover Public Library. Refreshments and raffles. Enter free Hannaford gift card raffle. Children's Crafts 1 to 3 p.m. FMI: 392-4841.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Rabies Clinic** at Bethel Fire Station. Fee for shot \$15. Note: payments must be in cash only. Staff member from Bethel Town Office available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany and Mason residents. Fees: \$11 per dog or \$6 per spayed or neutered dog.

St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., presents The Nutcracker Ballet. Tickets on sale at St. Kieran Office and businesses throughout Coos County. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

3:30 to 6 p.m. - **Christmas at the Mason House**, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. FMI: Bethel Historical Society 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Jingle Bell Run, arrival of Santa Claus and tree lighting in Bethel.

6 p.m. - **Christmas Party** at Upton School Building, by Upton Ladies Aid Association.

6 p.m. - **Christmas Concert "Christmas Blessings,"** by Audience of One (A Northern New England Praise and Worship Ministry) and Friends (and local guest artists) at Woodstock Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Perkins Valley Road, Bryant Pond.

Sunday, Dec. 4

11 a.m. - **Santa Sunday at Sunday River**. Ride free if dressed in full Santa costume. FMI/Registration: www.sundayriver.com or call (800) 543-2SKI or e-mail info@sundayriver.com

1 to 3 p.m. - **Shelburne Neighbor's Club Annual Auction** at Shelburne Town Hall, 74 Village Road, Shelburne, N.H. Proceeds used for scholarship fund and other projects. FMI: Marlene Marchand (603) 466-2089.

3:30 to 7 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner** sponsored by Shelburne Union Church at Philbrook Farm Inn, 881 North Road, Shelburne, N.H. Adults \$10/12 and under \$5. FMI: Kimberly Landry (603) 466-5353 or e-mail morningglory@wildblue.net.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner Benefit** for Josh and Kristy Basso, their four sons and one daughter of West Paris who lost their home due to fire, sponsored by Oxford Hills Viking Football Team at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. All welcome. Donations accepted.

6 p.m. - **Christmas Concert "Christmas Blessings,"** by Audience of One (A Northern New England Praise and Worship Ministry) and Friends (and local guest artists) at Oxford Seventh Day Adventist Church, Fore Street, Oxford.

Monday, Dec. 5

2 to 4 p.m. - **Knitting Group** at Waterford Library.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Socrates Café gathering** at Waterford Library. Topic of forum: "The Culture of Individualism: Too Much, Too Little, Just Right?" FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Mondays, Dec. 5 and 19

10 a.m. - **Free Workshops, Essentials of College Planning**, hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center for adults 19 and over at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI/ Register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Dec. 6, 7, 8

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues/Wed 9 a.m. to noon Thurs. - **Annual Christmas Sale**, Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Proceeds benefit Activity Department. Donations graciously accepted.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Baking a Healthier Holiday Dessert**, First Congregational Church (17E Main Street), South Paris, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Cost: \$10. Bring apron and sweet tooth. Registration required. FMI/Registration: (866) 609-5183.

6 p.m. - **Greenwood Historical Society Christmas Potluck Supper** at the Society building. Bring dish to share and a wrapped gift for auction with Willy Hathaway as auctioneer.

Dec. 7, 9 and 11

St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., presents North Country Chorus Christmas Concerts. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Thursday, Dec. 8

9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. - **Advanced Social Media Making it Work for your Business** workshops at Bethel Inn Resort. Cost: \$25, but \$15 for business that is member of a chamber in Oxford County. Prepayment required. FMI/Register: 824-2282. Space limited.

3 to 5 p.m. - **Christmas Craft Afternoon** for children 5-12 at Bethel Nazarene Church. FMI/register: Kathy Mason (875-6008) or e-mail cnkmason@megalink.net.

5 to 8 p.m. - **Telstar Middle School ArtReach** at Telstar Complex (snow date Dec. 13, same time). Student art exhibit and sale, program of special student performances, and live auction of artworks by local artists. FMI: 824-2136 ext 228 or e-mail prescotm@sad44.org.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Craft Fair at Andover Fire Station, sponsored by Andover Firemen's Association. For tables call Elaine Morton 392-1140. Lunch on sale at noon. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elf arrive 1 p.m. Crafters may get in 8 a.m. to set up.

A Christmas Treasury Reader's Theatre and Dinner at Northern Forest Heritage Park, 971 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Holiday Ham Dinner, Logging Camp Cookhouse 5 and 6:30 p.m. Reader's Theatre, Logging Camp Bunkhouse 5 and 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. FMI: (603) 752-7202.

6 p.m. - **Tree Lighting** at Bethel Methodist Church. Help light the tree; bulbs \$5 each in honor or in memory of loved one to PO Box 387, Bethel, ME 04217.

Sunday, Dec. 11

4 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Community Band** concert at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Donations accepted. Refreshments following concert.

Monday, Dec. 12

7 p.m. - **Public Hearing** on Bingham Trust (Water District) land at Bethel Town Office. Detailed letter in this issue (page 2).

Tuesday, Dec. 13

10 a.m. - **Free Workshop, Essentials of College Planning**, hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity for adults 19 and over at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI/Register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Noon - **Senior Christmas Luncheon**, sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel at American Legion Post 81, Locke Mills.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of

the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - **Breakfast open to the public** at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation** and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - **Western Maine Velo Group Road Ride**, meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Rides 15 to 49 miles. Open to all riders.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—**Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - **Mountain bike ride**. Meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Open to all riders.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Every other Monday/Wednesday - **Hula Hooping Class/Jam with Cosmo Sis Hoops** 11/7, 11/16 (canceled), 11/21, 11/30, 12/5 12/14 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Crescent Park School gym. Bring hoop, wear comfortable clothing/shoes, water and positive spirit. Open to all ages. Free. FMI and

register: Cathy Lane 461-6232 or Hayley Tanguay 443-854-2111 or e-mail cosmosishoops@gmail.com

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Lisa Fox. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — **Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - **Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill**. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 864-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

SUPPORT SERVICES

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AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

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Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

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MONDAY MORNING BLUES—Round Pond in Locke Mills, early Monday morning, Nov. 28.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Births

Kyle and Chrys Snogren of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Ruth-Georgia Snogren, born on Nov. 19, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are George and Stavroula Botsas of Montreal, Canada.

Paternal grandparents are Dorraine and Ruth Snogren of Wentworth, N.H.

Keith Ryerson and Sara Hemeon of Bethel announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Grace Ryerson, born Oct. 14, 2011 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, weighing 7 pounds.

Grandparents are Wanda and Mike Worthley of Roxbury, Craig and Jane Ryerson of Bethel, Farish and Patricia Hemeon of Topsfield, Mass.

Great-grandparents are Cleo Ryerson of Woodstock and Verna Hemeon of Hallowell.

Ava joins her siblings Hannah, Austin and Victoria Ryerson.

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For one more year.

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And I still love you too.
So I'm trying to be strong
Just for you.

With all that you taught me
I just hope you're up there.
And that you're proud of me.

You had to let go,
Even though you were holding
on for so long.
But there's not a day I don't
think of you,
And how you were so strong.

I just want to tell you
That you're always in my heart.
Even though I still cry
I know we're not apart.

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Obituaries

No obituaries were received by The Citizen for the week ending Nov. 30, 2011.

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A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany and Mason residents. Licensing fees are \$11.00 per dog or \$6.00 per spayed or neutered dog.

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